GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ACTION PLAN FOR MENINGITIS/KALA-AZAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of deaths occurred due to diseases like meningitis/Kala-azar during each of the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the action plan prepared by the Government to prevent such diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a): As per information received from Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, State-wise number of deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis and Kala-azar are at ANNEXURE-I & ANNEXURE-II.

(b): Prevention and control of meningitis is the primary responsibility of the State Governments.As regards Kala-azar,elimination of Kala-azar by 2010 is a National Health Policy goal and Kala-azar Eradication Programme is included in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Strategy for Kala-azar control/ elimination includes early diagnosis and complete treatment of patients, vector control through insecticide spray and Information, Education and Communication for people's awareness and involvement.The Government of India provides Anti Kala-azar drugs and insecticides.From 1st December, 2003, 100% Central assistance for Kala-azar elimination excluding staff component of the State Government is provided to the endemic states namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Weet Bengal.The programme implementation is the responsibility of concerned State Governments.